

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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**Comments:**

I oppose the Ordinance to Ban Feeding of Certain Wildlife.

This ordinance is not well thought out. It would almost eliminate everyone with less than 6-8 acres of property from feeding or watering the Placitas horses.

We have lived in Placitas for over 20 years and watched this controversy morph into something short of ridiculous. Over the years, there has been task forces, court cases, study groups, community action groups, suggestions, and darting programs to name a few. Little of this energy has resulted in humane, moral solutions or progress. Now the Ordinance: this ordinance is no more than a direct attack on the horses and their supporters. It is no more than another attempt to starve the horses out. Identifying some of our long standing, law abiding residents of Placitas as criminals and threatening them with criminal records is excessive, not to mention fines/ penalties. This ordinance will directly result in neighbors turning in neighbors.

The horses have long been residing in Placitas. Along with the rest of the wildlife, they have been showcased in artwork, advertisements, posters, t-shirts, real estate listings. They are vital members of our "animal friendly" village and should remain so. While the horses have grown in numbers, it is people who have created these problems. Horses and other wildlife will do what they do naturally.

I believe the beauty, open spaces, serenity and wildlife are the reasons I choose to live here. As for me, I do not feed the horses. However, I do believe in their right to coexist in this area.

Please do not let this happen.